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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document no. 6-168867 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,798,530, copy enclosed.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement. Specifically, these documents were cited in a European Search Report dated March 5, 2002, which was forwarded in a Communication dated March 21, 2002 (copies enclosed) from the European Patent Office in a corresponding European patent application.

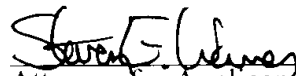
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Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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